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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

1. PLEASE SEND THE PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING REPORT.

BEGIN TEXT:

DURING MY FIRST EVENING IN PEKING, THE CHINESE SET A FORTHCOMING MOOD IN PREPARATION FOR BEGINNING OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS TOMORROW. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA MET ME AT THE AIRPORT AND ACCOMPANIED ME ON THE NOW FAMILIAR HALF HOUR TRIP TO THE GUEST HOUSE COMPLEX. CHIAO HAS BEEN THEIR DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER FOR SEVERAL YEARS, A CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF CHOU EN-LAI, THE HEAD OF THEIR UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION AND KEY COLLABORATOR IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. IT WAS A CRISP COOL EVENING AND THE STREETS AS USUAL WERE QUIET AND FILLED WITH BICYCLES. WE ARE STAYING IN THE VILLA THAT PRESIDENT NIXON USED IN 1972, WHEREAS WE USUALLY STAY IN ANOTHER ONE NEARBY. CHIAO INFORMED ME THAT PRIME MINISTER CHOU WISHED TO SEE ME, MY WIFE AND CHILDREN RIGHT AWAY AT THE HOSPITAL. SO AFTER TEN MINUTES OF TEA AND GREETINGS AT THE GUEST HOUSE, WE WENT TO SEE CHOU.

CHOU GREETED THE FOUR OF US VIGOROUSLY. HE DID NOT LOOK ANY WORSE PHYSICALLY THAN LAST YEAR AND WAS AS SHARP AND CHARMING AS EVER. WE MET FOR HALF AN HOUR IN A RECEPTION ROOM AT THE HOSPITAL. CHIAO AND TENG HSIAO-P'ING (VICE PREMIER) WERE ALSO PRESENT. THE TALK WAS GENERALLY NON-SUBSTANTIVE EXCEPT FOR A FEW JABS AT THE RUSSIANS BY CHOU.

WE THEN WENT TO THE MASSIVE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WELCOMING BANQUET GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS HUGE BUILDING, WHERE MOST MEETINGS, BANQUETS AND CULTURAL EVENTS ARE HELD, WAS BUILT IN TEN MONTHS IN THE LATE 1950'S. THE OFFICIAL PARTY WAS GREETED BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE A FORMAL PICTURE TAKING SESSION. TENG, WHO ALONG WITH CHIAO WILL

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BE MY PRIMARY INTERLOCUTOR, IS A STOCKY, TOUGH-LOOKING INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED MORE SELF-ASSURANCE SINCE MY ONLY OTHER MEETING WITH HIM IN NEW YORK LAST APRIL. HE HAS BEEN DE FACTO PRIME MINISTER SINCE CHOU BECAME SICK AND IS TOUTED TO BE HIS REPLACEMENT WHEN KEY GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ARE FILLED IN THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. HE WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST OFFICIAL DENOUNCED AND HUMILIATED IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN THE MID SIXTIES AND HAS MADE A REMARKABLE COMEBACK. HE WASTED NO TIME, DURING WHAT COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN A SMALL TALK SITUATION, AFFIRMING THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE ON COURSE DEPITE PUBLIC SPECULATION TO THE CONTRARY. HE ALSO IMMEDIATELY SOUNDED ANTI-SOVIET NOTES AND CRITICIZED THEIR HEGEMONIAL DESIGNS.

THE BANQUET WAS HELD IN A HUGE DINING ROOM WHICH WAS USED IN THE 1972 SUMMIT, WITH THE ARMY BAND PLAYING SUCH SONGS AS GOD BLESS AMERICA, HOME ON THE RANGE AND SHENANDOAH. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S TOAST WAS FRIENDLY THOUGH NOT OVERLY SO. HE REFERRED APPROVINGLY TO YOUR ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BUT HE ALSO WELCOMED THE TURMOIL THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD DURING THE PAST YEAR. I RESPONDED WITH A TOAST THAT INCLUDED YOUR INTENTION TO PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF US-CHINA RELATIONS. I ALSO STRESSED THAT TURMOIL WOULD NOT BE AN END IN ITSELF AND HAD TO LEAD TO A NEW ORDER -- WHICH IS THE U.S. OBJECTIVE.

THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING IS TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM AFTER BRIEF SIGHTSEEING IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY. ONLY WHEN WE GET TO THE BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL WE HAVE A CHANCE TO GAUGE THE CHINESE MOOD AND INTENTIONS, OF COURSE. BUT TONIGHT THEY CLEARLY WERE BENT ON STRIKING A GENERALLY UPBEAT NOTE AS AN OVERTURE.

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2. WARM REGARDS.

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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. Please send the President the following report.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. During my first evening in Peking, the Chinese set a forthcoming mood in preparation for beginning of substantive talks tomorrow. The new Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua met me at the airport and accompanied me on the now familiar half hour trip to the guest house complex. Chiao has been their de facto Foreign Minister for several years, a close colleague of Chou En-lai, the head of the ^{their united Nations General Assembly} ~~UN~~ delegation and key collaborator in the Shanghai Communique. It was a crisply cool evening and the streets as usual were quiet and filled with bicycles. We are staying in the villa that President Nixon used in 1972, whereas we usually stay in another one nearby. Chiao informed me that Prime Minister Chou wished to see me, my wife and children right away at the hospital. So after ten minutes of tea and greetings at the Guest House, we went to see Chou.

2. Chou greeted the four of us vigorously. He did not look any worse physically than last year and was as sharp and charming as ever. We met for half an hour in a reception room at the hospital. Chiao and Teng Hsiao-p'ing

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(Vice-Premier) were also present. The talk was generally non-substantive except for a few jabs at the Russians by Chou.

~~4~~ We then went to the massive Great Hall of the People for the welcoming banquet given by the Foreign Minister. This huge building, where most meetings, banquets and cultural events are held, was built in ten months in the late 1950's. The official party was greeted by Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing for fifteen minutes before a formal picture taking session. Teng, who along with ¹⁹Chiao will be my primary interlocutor, is a stocky, tough-looking individual who seems to have gained more self-assurance since my only other meeting with him in New York last April. He has been de facto Prime Minister since Chou became sick and is touted to be his replacement when key government positions are filled in the forthcoming National People's Congress. He was the second highest official denounced and humiliated in the cultural revolution in the mid sixties and has made a remarkable comeback. He wasted no time, during what could easily have been a small talk situation, affirming that our bilateral relations were on course despite public speculation to the contrary.

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